

ALFOLD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Alfold Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 4th September 2018** at Alfold Village Hall.

Present: Mr Nik Pidgeon (Chairman); Mrs Penni Mayne; Mrs Betty Ames; Mr Nigel Budd; Mr Adrian Erricker; Mr Wayne Mouring; Mrs B Weddell (Clerk)

Cllr Kevin Deanus and two members of the public were in attendance.

Apologies: Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Alasdair Denton-Miller.

18/087 Representations from members of the public
Representations were received from members of the public regarding the proposed amendments to the Linden Farm application.

18/088 Declarations of interest
Mr Pidgeon and Mr Budd declared a personal interest in Linden Farm.

18/089 Minutes
The minutes of the parish council meetings held on 3rd July and 16th August were approved as a correct record of the meetings and signed by the Chairman.

18/090 Chairman's report
The Chairman had received an email from a resident regarding Gatwick noise and CAGNE, who was pleased that he is taking an interest in aircraft noise issues and raised previous concerns about CAGNE. The parish council is associated with both campaign groups and attends their meetings. It was agreed that the situation would be monitored.

The Chairman and the Clerk had met with the developers of the Garden Centre site, who advised they would be making a planning application for 56 houses.

The Chairman had attended the CIL examination and spoke on behalf of the parish council.

The Chairman and members had received invitations from Wey and Arun Canal Trust to the opening of the new slipway.

18/091 Clerk's report
Regarding the cemetery extension, the Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Environment Agency, who confirmed the site is low risk and no further investigations regarding the suitability of the site were required. Cem-Dev Services were proceeding with a topographical survey and site plan.

The Clerk and Cllr Deanus had attended a site meeting with Surrey Highways regarding the new pavement for Dunsfold Road. A detailed plan was being produced which would need to utilise sections on both sides of the road. Construction work on the pavement would not be likely to start for a year.

ACTION

The Clerk and Cllr Deanus had met with Surrey County Council regarding surface water flooding after the downpours in May. They will carry out further studies into the flow across Springbok land.

The Clerk and Cllr Deanus had also met with Thames Water and Anne Milton MP to discuss capacity in the foul sewer network following the flooding in May. It was likely that a holding tank would be installed to provide the additional capacity required during periods of heavy rain. However, in order to get funding for a scheme that would address existing under capacity rather than just provision for future housing development, Thames Water required evidence of the extent of the existing problems in Alfold. To this end, Thames Water were in the process of producing a questionnaire that they would like the parish council to distribute. Cala Homes had carried out a survey of the drainage pipes in the area of the Sweeters Copse development and had identified a cracked sewer in Loxwood Road that was letting sewage into the surface water drainage system; Thames Water were investigating.

The Clerk had received a Freedom of Information request from a member of the public enquiring whether the parish council had adopted the Dunsfold Aerodrome memorial located outside Alfold Barn in 1992, and the sums the parish council had spent to maintain it since then. Mrs Ames, who was on the parish council at the time, had advised that the parish council hadn't adopted the memorial. The member of public was advised that the minutes of the parish council between 1992 and 2010 are held at the Surrey History Centre and may be viewed there.

Regarding the deed of easement for Alfold Farm, the parish council's solicitor had received a costs undertaking and the Clerk and Chairman would progress.

Clerk/N Pidgeon

18/092

Report by the Borough Councillor

Cllr Deanus reported the outcome of the Brockhurst appeal was awaited. The Alfold Farm Bungalow application would be considered by Eastern Planning Committee on 12th September. Cllr Deanus understood that the planning application for a museum on Dunsfold Road was to be resubmitted.

18/093

Neighbourhood Plan Update

The AECOM site assessment report was awaited. The next steering group meeting would be held on 11th September.

18/094

Financial Report

Updated financial reports had been circulated prior to the meeting and are appended to these minutes.

18/095

Recreation Ground Height Barrier

It was agreed that a height barrier for the recreation ground was required. The Clerk would arrange a meeting with Matt Lank of Waverley to discuss exact positioning and specification. The Clerk was authorised to proceed with the purchase and installation of a barrier up to £2500.

Clerk

18/096

Vegetation Clearance

The parish council had been awarded £3000 from Surrey County Council to bid to carry out vegetation clearance. Work is required to several areas including opposite the petrol station, around the pond near Stone Hatch,

the footpath from Clappers Meadow to Stone Hatch, footpath from the Chapel to Rosemary Lane, clearing vegetation from signage throughout the village, particularly approaching Alfold Bars. The Clerk would arrange a meeting with John Johnstone and Mr Erricker to discuss and agree works to quote.

Clerk

The Clerk would contact the landowner regarding overgrown hedges along Loxwood Road approaching Alfold Bars.

Clerk

The Clerk advised that Glendale were still not cutting all the areas of the Common they were contracted to do. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a meeting with Matt Lank and Mark Collins of Waverley, Cllr Deanus, Mr Erricker and Mr Johnstone to discuss.

Clerk

18/097

Correspondence

There was nothing to report.

18/098

Planning. Summary of the status of recent planning applications for information only

There were no recent decisions to report.

18/099

Planning

After full consideration of the following applications, the parish council resolved to comment as follows:

SCC/2018/0069 Construction of supported living accommodation for adults with autism and high support needs to allow modifications to the buildings and landscaping. Linden Farm, Rosemary Lane, Alfold. **Letter of objection appended.**

18/100

Items of business for information

Mr Erricker said that a member of the public had enquired about the possibility of vehicle automated speed signs on the A281. The Clerk advised that there was no Highways budget available and that SCC didn't consider the vehicle activated signs to be the most effective form of traffic calming, however the parish council may pursue this once the complete traffic calming scheme has been implemented in the centre of the village, and that a traffic calming scheme for the A281 area of the village would be achievable via S106 funding if the garden centre development were to proceed.

The Sports Club had requested permission to reposition the trim trail to allow room for the tractor to pass after the new fence has been erected. It was agreed that the stepping logs would be kept in storage pending the outcome of grant application/S106 funding for a new trim trail.

18/101

Next meetings

Planning – 4th October, 7.30pm, Green Room, Alfold Village Hall, if required
Full Parish Council – 13th November, 7.30pm, Alfold Village Hall

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:10

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19 September 2018

Mr Alex Sanders
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Dear Mr Sanders

RE: SCC Ref 2018/0069 Construction of supported living accommodation at Linden Farm, Rosemary Lane, Alfold

The parish council has previously responded to Waverley Borough Council on this application but since the letter was despatched, we have had further representations and other facts have come to light. Therefore, the parish council feel that it is necessary to write further on this matter.

We understand the main thrust of the application was to reduce costs of construction and implementation at Linden Farm.

However, it was not clear in the application that not only was there a change in building materials but that there would be deletion of the whole of the provision relating to horticulture being carried out on Linden Farm by and for the benefit of the occupants.

When Surrey County Council first broached the matter of the development with the parish council they made great play of the desire to integrate Linden Farm with the village and the provision of the horticultural facility on site was an important aspect in that respect.

Further, there was considerable discussion as to the number of traffic movements necessary for the farm, and we understand substitution for the horticultural activities on site, the occupants will be transported elsewhere. Not only does this remove them from the village environment but there will be an inevitable increase in traffic movements.

Reverting to the question of the build materials, again, great play at an earlier stage was of making sure the construction was sympathetic and in keeping with the other buildings within the vicinity which is a Conservation Area. This now seems not to be the case.

We trust SCC has sought the views of Historic England in respect of the changes.

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It has been brought to the parish council's attention that the Simons Trust, who have of course been very instrumental in the creation of this development, do have funds which could be used to ameliorate the extra cost thereby possibly restoring the horticultural facility and reverting to the originally proposed build materials.

In the light of the above Alfold Parish Council does object to the alterations proposed and withdraws its previous approval.

We would ask for Surrey County Council's response on these points in order that we can report to residents of the village

Yours sincerely

Beverley Weddell
Clerk to Alfold Parish Council

cc. Cllr Victoria Young